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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an airbag cushion, said cushion being adapted for restraining an occupant in the interior of a transportation vehicle during a collision,, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing first and second fabric blanks; at least one fabric blank;

(b) folding said first fabric blank upon itself to form a folded portion;

(c) stitching said first and second fabric blanks together at said folded portion of said first fabric blank, wherein said first and second fabric blanks are joined by at least one first stitch, wherein said first stitch connects said second fabric blank to said first fabric blank by proceeding through said first fabric blank at a minimum of two different locations upon said first fabric blank, wherein said first and second fabric blanks are joined to form

~~forming a three-dimensional airbag cushion structure including said at least one fabric blank, wherein said airbag cushion structure includes at least one seam;~~

~~wherein said seam is formed from a tri-stitch fold-over seam structure.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, further including the steps of:

(d) stitching said first and second fabric blanks to each to each other by employing a second stitch, said second stitch connecting said first fabric blank to said second fabric blank,

~~providing a second fabric blank, and forming said three-dimensional structure by attaching said one fabric blank to said second fabric blank.~~

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3. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1, further including the step of applying a coating to at least one surface of said airbag cushion.
4. (Original) The method set forth in claim 3, wherein said coating comprises at least 70% silicone resin in an amount of about 0.5 to 2.0 oz/sq. yd.
5. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 60 cN/tex.
6. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 2 ~~4~~, wherein said method further comprises the step of:
_____ (e) stitching said first and second fabric blanks to each to each other by employing a third stitch, said third stitch connecting said first fabric blank to said second fabric blank.
~~said at least one fabric blank includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 55 cN/tex.~~
7. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 50 cN/tex.
8. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ at least one

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of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 45 cN/tex.

9. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 40 cN/tex.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an airbag cushion adapted for use upon an interior occupant of a transportation vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing first and second at least one fabric blanks;

folding said first fabric blank to form a folded portion of said first fabric blank;

applying said folded portion of said first fabric blank upon said second fabric blank;

stitching together said first and second fabric blanks in at least two stitch locations to form a seam, said seam

~~forming a three-dimensional airbag cushion structure including said at least one fabric blank, wherein said airbag cushion structure includes at least one seam; and~~

~~wherein said seam is formed from a~~
comprising a -double-stitch fold-over seam structure.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method set forth in claim 10, further including the step of applying

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a coating to at least one surface of said airbag cushion.

13. (Original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein said coating comprises at least 70% silicone resin in an amount of about 0.5 to 2.0 oz/sq. yd.

14. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 60 cN/tex.

15. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 10 wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 55 cN/tex.

16. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 10 wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 50 cN/tex.

17. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 45 cN/tex.

18. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said fabric blanks includes multifilament yarns having a tenacity of no greater than about 40 cN/tex.